

REMARKS

Herein, the "Action" or "Office Action" refers to the Office Action dated 5/19/2004.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 5, 11, 14, 20, and 28-39 are presently pending. Claims amended herein are 5, 11, 14, and 20. Claims withdrawn or cancelled herein are 1-4, 6-10, 12-13, 15-19, and 21-27. New claims added herein are none.

Allowable Claims

Applicant appreciates the Office's recognition of the allowability of claims 28-39. Furthermore, Applicant appreciates the Office's recognition of the allowability of dependent claims 8, 11, 17, and 20 if re-written in independent form. Applicant does that herein. However, Applicant incorporates the dependencies of claim 8 into its base claim 5 and the dependencies of claim 17 into its base claim 14.

Claims 23-27 were not elected; therefore, they are cancelled.

To speed along issuance of claims in this case, Applicant cancels claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-13, 15-19, 21, and 22 which leaves only the allowed claims (5, 11, 14, 20, and 28-39) pending.

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Substantive Claim Rejections

The substantive claim rejections of claims 1-7, 9-10, 12-16, 18-19, and 21-22 are moot since these claims have been withdrawn from consideration in their original form.

Applicant withdraws these claims from consideration in order speed along issuance of other claims that the Office indicates are allowable or would be allowable if re-written into independent form.

Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce these claims at a later date.

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Conclusion

All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Office is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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